

## **News Release**

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**Stuart, FL – (June 14, 2012)** — Calling all boaters and water enthusiast, it's time for the 5th Annual Treasure Coast Waterway Cleanup. This year's cleanup will take place on Saturday, July 21, 2012. "We are making it easier to register for the Cleanup," says April Price, who coordinates the cleanup effort. "Our goal is to continue to increase our participation, more people equals more trash that we can collect. In our first 4 years of the event we have engaged more than 3,900 volunteers and more than 1,050 boats collected more than 38 tons of trash from the waters of Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River Counties," says Price.

To register, just go to <a href="www.TCWaterwayCleanup.com">www.TCWaterwayCleanup.com</a> and click "Online Registration", scroll down and complete the form. When participants arrive to the site of your choice on the cleanup day, they will receive their cleanup supplies, data cards to complete, an event t-shirt and instructions. Boats will receive a commemorative burgee to fly which signifies that they are involved with the cleanup effort. All volunteers will be invited to a "Thank You BBQ" that will take place on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Fort Pierce Yacht Club. There we will announce all of the data that we collect from this year's cleanup.

"This is an "All Hands On Deck" effort," says Price. "So young and old are needed to surpass last year's effort. This is also a terrific opportunity to pick up some of those precious community service hours for students and scouts."

There are several Coastal Cleanups that take place throughout the Treasure Coast which are all vital to the health of our beaches and shore line. However this cleanup specifically concentrates on the waterways, spoil islands and area canals. It's easy to join the fun.

For more information please contact April Price, 772-285-1646. Online registration is available on our web site <a href="www.tcwaterwaycleanup.com">www.tcwaterwaycleanup.com</a> or become a fan on Facebook. Just enter Treasure Coast Waterway Cleanup in your Facebook search engine.

The Marine Industries Association of the Treasure Coast, Inc. (MIATC), is a not-for-profit trade association representing recreational marine businesses in Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee counties. MIATC is dedicated to the promotion of pleasure boating and its related industries.